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FM AMEMBASSY BELGRADE

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INFO AMEMBASSY REYKJAVIK

C O N F I D E N T I A L BELGRADE 5971

E.O. 11652: GDS

TAGS: PINS EAIR IC US YO

SUBJ: TWA AIRPLANE HIJACKING

REF: (A) STATE 225375, (B) REYKJAVIK 1211

1. IN RESPONSE EMBASSY'S CALL AT 14:20 LOCAL TO ENSURE THAT FSFA
AWARE OF RUMORS THAT YUGOSLAVIA POSSIBLE DESIGNATION,
FSFA DIRECTOR FOR NORTH AMERICAN AFFAIRS INFORMED
EMBASSY AT 1500 HOURS LOCAL TIME THAT WHILE YUGOSLAVIA
HAD NO INFORMATION THAT HIJACKED PLANE WAS EN ROUTE TO
YUGOSLAVIA, THEY HAD DECIDED NOT REPEAT NOT TO
ALLOW IT TO ENTER YUGOSLAV AIR SPACE. STARCEVIC
STRESSED THAT THE PLANE WOULD QUOTE NOT BE ALLOWED UNDER
ANY CIRCUMSTANCES TO ENTER YUGOSLAVIA UNQUOTE. WHEN
ASKED WHAT THEY WOULD DO IF PLANE ATTEMPTED TO ENTER
YUGOSLAV AIR SPACE DESPITE WARNINGS, STARCEVIC SAID
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QUOTE IT IS UP TO YOU TO DRAW YOUR OWN CONCLUSIONS

UNQUOTE.

2. FYI. GERMAN EMBASSY OFFICIALS BELGRADE HAVE
NOTED THAT IN 72/73 SIMILAR INCIDENT WITH LUFTHANSA
PLANE CARRYING CROATIAN NATIONALISTS, AIR CRAFT WAS
PERMITTED TO LAND ZAGREB BUT DISSIDENT DEMANDS FOR
RELEASE OF CROATIAN NATIONALISTS IN PRISON WERE REFUSED
AND PLANE WAS PERMITTED TO DEPART FOR WEST GERMANY.
END FYI.

3. FOR ZAGREB: ADDITIONAL INFO GERMAN CONSULATE
ZAGREB.
SILBERMAN

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